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Local clerks are awarded top state honors

Romulus Clerk Craig-Bragg is 2021 City Clerk of the Year

For years, Romulus residents and officials have 'bragged' they had the best city clerk in the state.

Now, they can prove it.

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg has been named the City Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. She was to be honored yesterday at a luncheon during which Michigan Secretary of State Joceyln Benson was scheduled to present her with the award in response to her long list of accomplishments in the Romulus community.

Craig-Bragg said she was "deeply honored" to have been nominated for the prestigious honor.

Craig-Bragg began her public service career in 2005 when she was elected to the Romulus City Council. She was only the second African American to serve as an elected city council member in Romulus.

At the time, she was employed with the Romulus Community School District

Ellen Craig-Bragg

where she worked for 12 years before leaving in 2009 when she was first elected as Romulus City Clerk. She has been overwhelmingly re-elected by voters at every election since.

During her 12-year career as Romulus City Clerk, Craig-Bragg has worked to improve community relations, streamline processes, increase efficiencies

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Canton Clerk Siegrist chosen Township Clerk of the Year

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist had a very special lunch date yesterday.

Siegrist was to be one of the guests of honor at an awards luncheon in Frankenmuth when Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was expected to present him with the 2021 Township Clerk of the Year award.

"I am truly honored and humbled by both my nomination and election as Township Clerk of the year. We do everything we can for the residents and voters in Canton, and I never expected to win an award for delivering the kind of service they deserve," Siegrist said.

Siegrist first learned of his selection for the honor last week when he was notified by representatives of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. He said he was very, very surprised as he is one of the youngest clerks to ever receive the honor.

First elected as Canton Township Clerk in 2016,

Michael Siegrist

Siegrist has earned multiple professional certifications and has a master's degree in taxation along with a MiPMC, from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC). He was nominated for the honor by four different individuals, according to a spokesman from the organization.

Siegrist has served on the

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Canton OKs first-ever deputy supervisor contract

Change is coming to Canton Township.

For the first time in the 187-year history of the township, members of the board of trustees have hired a deputy supervisor to oversee day-to-day municipal operations. Trustees last week, by unanimous vote, approved a contract with Joseph Hawver, currently an administrator in the Kalamazoo County Prosecuting Attorney's office to take on the newly-created position.

Hawver joins the township at a time of nearly unprecedented growth. Last month, reports from the 2020 Census showed a 9-percent population increase in the township, ranking Canton as the ninth largest municipality in the state, surpassing neighboring Livonia and Westland.

In addition to Hawver as the new deputy supervisor, trustees also approved the addition of an Information Technology (IT) department director and a deputy director for the Municipal Services department. The reorganization and staff additions were in response to an organization assessment study by consulting group Novak Raftelis which recommended the changes. The board members approved a starting salary of $130,604 for Hawver, less than the $178,000 to $224,000 recommended by the consultants. His contract also includes a benefit package estimated at $39,000.

Officials said that the new position will not result in any additional tax burden for residents. Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said that the township will receive an additional $750,000 in state shared revenue this year and that some township expenses have been eliminated allowing for investments in staffing.

Hawver will be chief of staff in Canton Township, responsible for overseeing operations of the township leadership team and interfacing with elected officials, the business and nonprofit community, and community groups. He will lead administrative, legal and human resource functions as well, according to a statement from the township.

Hawver is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and teaches in the Haworth College of Business at Western Michigan University and is expected to begin in Canton this month.

His legal expertise was a quality that Graham-Hudak said she was looking for in a deputy in an effort to reduce outside legal expenses in the township. During a study session Aug. 17, she said that key qualifications for the position included skill in contract negotiations and labor

Joseph Hawver

resolution experience.

His contract will expire at the end of Graham-Hudak's term in 2024 and can be renewed or cancelled at the discretion of the elected supervisor.

The contract also allows a termination option based on performance.

"We're thrilled to welcome Joseph to Canton," said Graham-Hudak. "His leadership experience as a prosecutor will provide great expertise in public safety, legal management and government operations to everyone in the township."

Hawver said he's looking forward to serving Canton residents.

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First responders to be honored at day-long memorial

Van Buren Township will host a special 9/11 memorial event at Grace Lake Corporate Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sept. 11.

"Not only are we honoring the victims and mutual aid first responders of 9/11," said Van Buren Township Local Development Fire Authority 2nd vice chair and event organizer John Delaney. "We'll also be honoring our current first responders and COVID-19 heroes."

> *We're inviting everyone to stop by and help us honor all those who have fallen and everyone who continues to keep us safe.*

In partnership with local first responders from the City of Belleville, Canton Township, Detroit Metro Airport, Huron Valley Ambulance, Huron-Clinton MetroParks, City of Romulus, Sumpter Township, and Van Buren Township there will be a prayer vigil, bell ringing and a moment of silence beginning at 9:37 a.m., when the first plane struck the Pentagon 20 years ago.

"We will never forget all those who lost their lives 20 years ago," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. "We're inviting everyone to stop by and help us honor all those who have fallen and everyone who continues to keep us safe."

A car show will take place from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with more than 10 different car clubs in attendance, showcasing 150 vehicles. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a "Best of Show" award ceremony of the cars on site. The

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THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE
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Visitors to Horizon Park in Belleville will be greeting by several new city 'employees' as goats begin to clear the shoreline of invasive plants.

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THE CANTON EAGLE
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Canton Township will be the site of a special memorial ceremony to honor victims of 9/11 on the 20th anniversary of one of the darkest days in American history.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
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Friends of the Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster have stocked a new Little Library at city hall with free book selections.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
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All nine Northville Township department directors successfully completed the Fundamentals of Emergency Management course this summer.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
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Members of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps recently returned from their annual educational tour performances at Mt. Rushmore and in Missouri.

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THE ROMULUS ROMAN
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The investigation into a fatal shooting last week is continuing, according to Romulus police who are seeking four individuals in connection with the case.

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THE WAYNE EAGLE
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Wayne-Westland Community Schools loaded up school buses to bring BUSting with Learning to area neighborhoods this summer.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE
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Members of the Westland Rotary Club lived up to the club motto, "Service Above Self" recently when they donated $10,200 to displaced residents of the recent fire at Westwood Apartments.

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Belleville - Inkster

Friendly help

Stocking the new Little Library at Inkster City Hall are Sarah Young and Jessie Shelby, two original members of the Friends of the Leanna Hicks Public Library. The Friends organization members recently installed the new Little Library at city hall and another on Magnolia Street which will be stocked by the library, with book selections directed by Library Director Betty Adams. The Little Libraries were donated to the community by Vance Hardy, an Inkster resident and long-time supporter of literacy. Another Little Library will be installed at the main library and two will be installed at the Inkster Public Housing facility.

Belleville using goats to clean park shoreline

Visitors to Horizon Park in Belleville will be greeting by several new city 'employees' during the next month or so.

About 20 goats are working to control the weed-overgrown shoreline at the park and will remain on site, surrounded by an electric fence, until the site is under control. As the goats clear the area, they will be moved, along with the fence, down the shoreline, until the project is complete.

The eco-friendly landscaping control agents came from Twin Willow Ranch which rents the animals across the state to both municipal and private owners looking to control invasive growth without chemicals. The goats are watered and checked on daily by an employee and are also provided with a mineral block which provides them with vitamins and minerals that the plants they are ingesting may not contain, according to owners of the company.

Randy Brown Landscaping was the successful bidder in bringing the goats to the park.

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first 150 car show entries will receive a dash plaque and car show memorial t-shirt.

There will be local food trucks on-site throughout the event. Sponsors of the special memorial include Waste Management, Wayne County Community College District, Atchinson Ford, Stack's Pizza & Deli, A Design Line, Tim Hortons, T-Rex Arms, Meijer, Culver's and Grace Lake Corporate Center.

This event is free and open to the public. Participants will be required to follow all CDC and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines.

The memorial is planned to take place in the west side parking lot, at 1 Village Center Drive in Van Buren Township.

For additional information visit van-buren-mi.org.

Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting Sunday, August 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

PUBLIC NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' Special Meeting will be conducted virtually in compliance with the emergency declaration of the Wayne County Executive Order and Wayne County Department of Health regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 7:00 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Morgan and Rush. Trustees LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor Cole, Deputy Treasurer Campbell and 3 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Morgan and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: None.

5. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve hiring Ms. Acheenia Hall, as the Treasurer's Parttime Office Clerk at the AFSCME wage of $20.74 per hour, for 21-29 hours per week, effective August 16, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Morgan and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

***Note:** Ms. Acheenia Hall was in attendance, welcomed to her new position and the Township Treasurer's Office.

6. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:16 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Elle O'Connell, Deputy Supervisor
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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ORDINANCE NO: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II SECTION 16-30 OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO UTILIZE CERTAIN WATER CRAFT WITHIN SHERWOOD POND/BANOTAI PARK.

Sec. 1 Purpose.

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the existing restriction of watercraft use and provide for certain non-motorized watercraft to be utilized in Sherwood Pond/Banotai Park.

Sec. 2 Conflict.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with any existing law of the State of Michigan or Township of Sumpter and the existing ordinance referenced herein not otherwise specifically modified by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 3 Section 16-30. Watercraft Restricted.

Only non-motorized Kayaks and Canoes shall be permitted in Banotai Park/Sherwood Pond except in the designated swimming area.

Sec. 4 Repeal of Prior and Inconsistent Provisions.

All provisions of other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sec. 5 Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the publication of the same in a newspaper of general circulation with in the Township.

_____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor
Sumpter Township

_____
Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No._____ adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a
Regular Township Board Meeting held on the 24th Day of August, 2021, at which all members were present except Supervisor Timothy Bowman.

_____
Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Sumpter Township
Virtual Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

PUBLIC NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting will be conducted virtually in compliance with the emergency declaration of the Wayne County Executive Order and Wayne County Department of Health regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:43 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer V. Warren (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), LaPorte (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). Clerk E. Hurst excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 5 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: No Attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Rush supported by Morgan to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants total of $292,500.80. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report – Bowman:

- I wanted to advise everyone that we had another good turnout for Forgotten Harvest. There were approximately 80 to 90 families that picked up food. If you know of anyone in need of this, please get the word out. The next Forgotten Harvest is Monday, August 23rd from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Sumpter Community Center.
- Our DPW Department has been actively involved in helping the Township with dangerous intersections. Please remember that a problem with overgrown intersections can be reported on our web site. Although, residents can still contact Wayne County with this issue, I feel confident stating that when logged on our website, the time frame on getting this done is speedier.
- Although the Township was closed last Thursday and Friday, our employees were still checking their phone messages and emails on a regular basis, in an effort to still provide service to our residents.
- Township protocol and COVID procedures are back in place. Please wear face masks when entering Township Hall.

Motion by Rush supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 12%	Insurance matters 1%,
Township Board meetings 5%	Meeting with Twp Officials 8%
Water & Sewer 10%,	Police, Fire 12%
Prosecutions 7%	Ordinance & Blight 10%
Labor Contract/LOU 9%	Employee Contract Issues 4%,
Republic 2%	Planning 6%
Library 1%	Parks & Recreation 1%
Storm Water Management & MDEQ 1%	Board Direction 5%
Audit/Finance 0%	Misc. 4%

- Ordinance Officers have been very active, enforcement activities and court considerations have increased.
- 2nd Reading of amendment to Ordinance #73, adding credit card payments to the current ordinance identifying delinquent payments of cash or certified check instruments of payment only. It is requested that the Board, by Attorney's Report roll call approval, approve the Ordinance modification.

Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police Report - Chief Luke:
Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Police report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report - Bowman:

- Supervisor Bowman reported a lot of activities and accomplishments in the Township. One being the barn across Sumpter Rd from the Township Hall is finally gone!
- Ordinance Officers are making a difference in the Township and you're beginning to see the results. Things are getting done.

Motion by LaPorte supported by Rush to approve the Building/Ordinance report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report - Chief Brown:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Fire Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:

- Trustee Morgan requested an update on the Moose Lodge property and Attorney Young advised that the property forfeiture has been filed and in process. Moose National has reached out inquiring the amount of the property payoff for the Township land contract. The Moose Lodge will not reopen.
- Trustee Morgan requested an update on a resident's request reference to ComCast services and availability. All agreed that a service area map from ComCast would be a starting point for infrastructure considerations by ComCast.
- Trustee LaPorte advised of his request for a detailed Preferred Vendor's List for Department Heads, Fire Department, Police Department and the Board of Trustee's use.
- Trustee Morgan inquired on the newsletter progress and asked that we continue efforts to produce it. It was determined that this was addressed during a previous Board Meeting and that the Clerk's Office would share this information as a follow up to continue the project.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve Treasurer Warren and Deputy Campbell to attend the MMTA Fall Conference in Kalamazoo, MI September 19th-22nd. Cost not to exceed $2,262 combined, which includes the conference, hotel, parking, gas and food expenses. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve to change and start the process to modify the Ordinance for Parks & Recreation Chapter 16, Article 2, Sec 16-30 to allow kayaks and canoes at Banotai/Sherwood Pond. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve to permanently establish the 30-day authority granted by the Board of Trustees at the July 27,2021 board meeting to reduce active members to seven (7) giving a four (4) member minimum for quorum and allowing the liaison to vote to establish quorum if needed for Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation meetings. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy supported by LaPorte to approve of new building fee structure to streamline the process and ensure the township is not in a negative position on deposits for grade changes. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to promote fire Captain Michael McHenry to Battalion Chief. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to promote fire Battalion Chief John Krushlin to Deputy Chief. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to promote fire Captain Walt Thompson to Battalion Chief. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve contract naming Michelle Cole as the Sumpter Township Administrator, as of August 1, 2021, at no additional salary increase. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and LaPorte Nay: Trustee Morgan. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:

- Clerk's Office announced the Community Yard Sale scheduled for August 27-29, 2021.
- Clerk's Office announced the scheduled election, Huron Public Schools millage renewal for November 2, 2021.

15. Adjournment; Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:12 pm.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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CANTON

Canton to host 9-11 annual memorial remembrance

Canton Township will be the site of a special memorial ceremony to honor and remember victims of 9/11 on the 20th anniversary of one of the darkest days in American history. This special tribute will take place starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, located directly behind the Canton Administration Building.

The memorial ceremony will be led by Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, who will be joined by Canton officials and members of the Canton Board of Trustees. The ceremony will also feature the Canton Fire Department Honor Guard, remarks from Canton Public Safety staff members, a musical tribute by Devyn Rae, and a moment of silence..

"We felt that it is so important for the Canton community to honor the milestone 20th anniversary of 9/11 with a memorial ceremony," stated Graham-Hudak. "We will never forget all those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, in the coordinated terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pa., where hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed before it could reach its destination in our nation's capital. This ceremony in Heritage Park will commemorate the people, the heroes, and all of the lives affected by Sept.11."

Speakers from several area organizations will also speak about the impacts of these horrific attacks and address how hate crimes continue to plague certain cultures. Participants are invited to leave messages of hope that will be added to the Canton symbolic version of the Survivor Tree, which is the severely damaged pear tree that was discovered at Ground Zero and rehabilitated. Today the tree stands at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City as a living reminder of resilience, survival, and rebirth.

Participants will be required to follow all CDC and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines at the time of the event.

For additional information, visit www.canton-mi.org, call (734) 394-5360, or email leisure@canton-mi.org.

The Canton Administration Building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Siegrist

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Canton Public Library Board (elected 2008) and the Plymouth Canton Community School Board of Education (elected 2014). He also serves as the Treasurer for the Association of Wayne County Clerks, is a voting member of the MAMC Legislative Committee, and was recently elected to the MAMC Board of Directors.

In naming Siegrist, representatives of the state group noted the diverse population of Canton.

"Siegrist has worked to ensure voting precincts are staffed with multilingual inspectors to appropriately assist this diverse population," organization officials said. "After the approval of Proposal 3 in 2018 Siegrist worked diligently to educate his voters of their new rights and expanded the permanent absentee voter application list from 8,200 voters to 35,000 voters," the spokesman noted.

"I love election administration. I love accessible government that is relevant to the needs and demands of the general public. It is true public service and a sacred honor. It is this philosophy that drives my initiative and desire to work in this field," Siegrist said.

His office also recently won a Clearinghouse Award from the United States Election Assistance Commission for "Outstanding Innovation in Election Cybersecurity and Technology."

"It is a team effort, and I couldn't be here without my awesome staff and the hundreds of poll workers who ran last year's election," Seigrist said.

The MAMC is a professional organization that exists to "promote, enhance, and encourage the professional development and standing of municipal clerks through cooperation, communication, education and training by utilizing seminars, institutes and meetings; to promote and encourage improvement of methods and procedures of duties performed by clerks and to address legislative matters relating to the municipal clerk's responsibilities," according to the organization website.

Of the eight states that administer elections on the local level, Michigan is one of the largest with 280 city clerks and 1,240 township clerks. The Michigan elections system is administered by 1,603 county and local election officials making it one of the most decentralized in the nation. There are an additional 257 village clerks in Michigan, represented by the MAMC.

Hire

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"Canton is a wonderful community to live, work and raise a family," said Hawver in a prepared statement. "Safe neighborhoods, strong families, beautiful parks and natural spaces, and rich with diversity - that's what makes Canton special. I'm looking forward to working with Supervisor Graham-Hudak and the Board of Trustees to keep Canton bright and beautiful."

No salary or potential candidates for the recommended Information Technology (IT) department director and deputy director for the Municipal Services were discussed by the board of trustees although they indicated those positions would also be filled.

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PUBLIC HEARING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis
Library Director

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE
PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED
TO SUPPORT THE 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will be holding a public hearing regarding the **property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the 2022 proposed budget** on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor Board Meeting Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. The meeting can also be accessed virtually via a Zoom link, which will be posted on the Canton Township Website at www.canton-mi.org. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Michael A. Siegrist,
Canton Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 21/22-05 Romulus Public Library Interior Renovation

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) Please email your intent to bid to John DeMattia Construction:
jdemattia@demattiaconstruction.com John DeMattia
snaumoff@demattiaconstruction.com Scott Naumoff (cell) 248.924.8677

(4) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Tuesday, 9/21/2021** or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct prior to 2:00 pm.

(5) At approximately 2:30 p.m., local time **9/21/2021**, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.

(6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(7) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(8) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

1150 CANTON CENTER S

CANTON, MI 48188

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 13, 2021 the Charter Township of Canton will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title One of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects: Project # 1 Heritage Park ADA Playground for the purpose of creating new ADA playground structures, $141,134, in the middle of Canton Township near the crossroads of Canton Center and Heritage Park drive.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Charter Township of Canton gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above projects will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and accordingly the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).
The reasons for this decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: No serious environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.
An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Canton Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188. All comments received by September 12th will be considered by Canton Township prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Charter Township of Canton certifies to HUD that Anne Marie Graham-Hudak in her capacity as Supervisor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Charter Township of Canton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Charter Township of Canton's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Canton; (b) the Charter Township of Canton has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at McNamara Federal Building at 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit MI 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township Supervisor

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Northville - Plymouth

High marks

Northville Township directors attend preparedness classes

Northville Township department directors all received high marks in their summer school classes this year.

All nine township department heads, from Finance to Public Services, successfully completed the Fundamentals of Emergency Management course through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to better prepare for major emergencies and disasters of all types. Township Manager and Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler.

That puts Northville Township in rare company, according to Township Manager and Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler.

"We have informally researched this and we have not heard of any other community that has had all of their directors take this FEMA course to help prepare for an emergency," he said.

The goal of the course is to prepare department heads for incident management and support activities for any natural, technical or human-related hazard or emergency. Each township director is now capable of planning, managing and coordinating resources for an efficient, effective response," Mutchler explained. They also understand how FEMA operates and how it fits in with assisting Northville Township residents, he added.

According to weather statistics, since 1997, there have been six presidential declarations of a major disaster in Wayne County and there have been seven such declarations by governors during that period. The state has experienced 857 tornadoes since 1950, including 27 in Wayne County. After the multiple summer storms that left many with damaged homes, downed trees and no power, natural disaster aid was top of mind for everyone, Mutchler said.

"We want to be prepared because it's our mission to deliver excellent public service and Northville Township has some areas of risk, including the railroad tracks that go through our community," he said.

Mutchler said he is also working with Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management to establish some additional "table-top" training exercises for Northville Township to further bolster emergency management knowledge.

Todd Mutchler

Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps returns from annual summer tour

For more than a half a century, members of The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps have brought the history of America to life.

Founded in 1971, the corps members continue to represent the tradition of America across the country with an educational tour of the eastern United States, performing at historic sites. This year, Corps members travelled west for the first time to perform at Mount Rushmore and at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri.

This dedicated group of 12-18-year-olds practices Monday evenings at Salem High School beginning in January. They practice marching as a group and in separate sectionals for each instrument - fifes, drums and guard. The Corps prepares a special routine each year which is performed at each of the sites on the tour. The Corps members not only learn about American History at each performance site, but they also interact with members of the local community and proudly represent their hometown of Plymouth.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps members travel extensively every year performing in numerous parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, concerts, and other civic events in Plymouth, throughout Michigan and across the United States. The Corps members traditionally perform in both the Plymouth Good Morning USA Parade on the Fourth of July and in downtown Plymouth, march in the Northville Independence Day Parade, perform at Kellogg Park and at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

This year, the Corps members will be at the Plymouth Fall Festival selling roasted almonds to raise money to continue performing throughout the year.

More information about the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, including videos, pictures, and a calendar of events, can be seen by visiting www.pfdc.us.

Members of the Corps celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the group with a recent reunion at Plymouth Township Park. Alumni from many years of performances and from across the United States gathered to celebrate and reunite with former Corps members.

Northville Township Fire Department awarded grant

The Northville Township Fire Department has been awarded a grant of $71,668 as part the federal Department of Homeland Security program.

"Our firefighters in Southeast Michigan put their lives on the line to protect our families, homes, and communities," said U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in announcing the award. "These new resources will help keep the public safe and give our first responders the equipment they need to do their jobs more safely and effectively."

"Firefighters in Michigan risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe," said Sen. GaryPeters, Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "These grants will help ensure first responders in Southeast Michigan have additional resources to continue safely and effectively protecting their communities."

> *Firefighters in Michigan risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe*

Eligible fire departments and Emergency Medical Services organizations in Michigan and across the country can apply for Assistance to Firefighters Grants. These competitive grants help first responders purchase the equipment and obtain the training needed to handle fire-related hazards.

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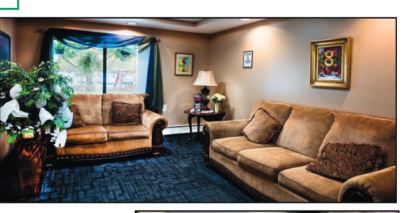

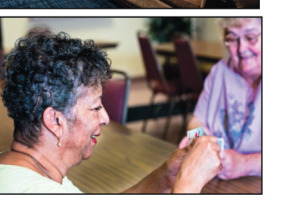

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59. Auctions

Copart has vehicles up for public auction Friday 9/3/21 at 10 AM at www.copart.com:

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3VWRM71KX8M068400
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1D7HU18N73S286540
17 MITS MIRAGE G4
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10 JEP PATRIOT SP
1J4NF2GB4AD577724
07 MAZD CX-7
JM3ER293570163314
07 CHRY 300
2C3KA43R07H619232
11 DODG GRAND CARA
2D4RN7DG5BR696682
06 SATU VUE
5GZCZ53486S857371
11 FORD EDGE SEL
2FMDK3JC1BBB39704
98 CADI DEVILLE
1G6KD54Y2WU802757
04 CHEV SILVERADO
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03 TOYT COROLLA CE
1NXBR32EX3Z184168
12 FORD F250 SUPER
1FT7W2BT0CEB28925
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09 BMW X5 XDRIVE4
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30. Help Wanted

Sumpter Township, MI Employment Opportunity
EMPLOYMENT POSTING

Sumpter Township is currently accepting resumes for **Part-Time, Seasonal DPW Worker**. This position reports to the Superintendent/Director of the Water, Sewer & Public Works and will support activities and services as directed by the Superintendent.

Please visit our Township WebSite at "www.sumptertwp.org", COMMUNITY/JOB OPENINGS for this position's links and our Township Employment Application.

This is a seasonal, part-time position from September to November, 2021. The successful candidate must possess a valid Driver's License with desired experience in lawn maintenance equipment, small machinery operations and detail-orientation. A varied work schedule will require flexibility.

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to ATTN: Sumpter Township Supervisor's Office, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sumpter Township is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, or any other protected characteristic as outlined by federal, state, or local laws.

Internal Posting:		August 27th – September 3rd, 2021
Publish Date - NOR:	Associated Newspapers/The Eagle	September 2nd, 2021
	Publish Date – Ann Arbor News	September 5th, 2021
Public Posting (Twp Boards/Doors, Departments, WebSite/Ch 12):		August 27th, 2021
		(External Applications/Resumes accepted after September 3rd, 2021)

ROMULUS

Mayor urges public to complete I-94 survey

Romulus residents are being urged by Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and officials to make their opinions known regarding a road construction project planned in the city.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials are seeking public input for a future I-94/Ecorse Road interchange replacement project in the community. Public comments are welcomed at http://metroquestsurvey.com/eh4r4m There is also a more basic version of the survey available at https://www.research.net/r/VV8Z5ML).

The survey will first ask users to rank their main concerns about the area of the intersection and then to rank the four options that will be described. The main concern topics to be ranked are: Improve safety; Enhance access; Accommodate all users; Add pedestrian/bike path to Ecorse Road and Other. Selecting the Other category will allow users to type in their own topic.

The four options under consideration all include eliminating the left-hand entrance ramps to I-94 and adding full access to all directions to and from I-94 and Ecorse Road. Those options are: a diamond interchange with signals at the ramps; adding a diamond interchange with roundabouts at the ramps; a partial cloverleaf interchange with two loop ramps or a diverging diamond at the interchange.

Within the survey there are concept drawings as well as more details for each option. This project is planned for 2024, officials said.

4 still sought in fatal shooting

The investigation into a fatal shooting last week is continuing, according to Romulus police.

Police are seeking four individuals in connection with a fatal shooting that took place at about 11 p.m. Aug. 23 near the Top Shelf party store at the corner of Eureka and Inkster roads. Officers were dispatched to the scene following a 911 call in which the caller said a man had been shot several times, according to police reports. When officers arrived at the parking lot of the party store, they found the body of a 28-year-old Detroit man who had succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds.

Witness accounts indicated that the shooting was motivated by a robbery committed by the victim, later identified as Chrevon Rayman Lawrence. Witnesses claimed that Lawrence was shot by a man he and two other men had robbed at gunpoint. The robbery victim then pulled a firearm and fatally shot Lawrence. Police said that a gun was recovered at the scene, near Lawrence's body.

> *Witness accounts indicated that the shooting was motivated by a robbery.*

Romulus police said they are actively seeking 22-year-old Tenaje Gaiter; 26-year-old Joseph Mile; 24-year-old Lajon Washington and another, unknown man in connection to the shooting.

Police said that Washington was driving a gray 2015 Ford Fusion with Michigan license plate 463354D. The car has a moon roof and black rims, witnesses told police. Gaiter and the unknown man left the scene in a dark-colored Jeep, possibly a Liberty, according to police reports.

Police have asked anyone with information about the shooting or any of the individuals being sought to call (734) 941-8400.

Clerk

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and transparency in her office. She created a "TEAM" concept work environment and was able to rebuild the clerk's office after major budget cuts, reducing the overall budget by 24 percent. Craig- Bragg has worked to codify city ordinances and the city charter using Municode; re-established the Romulus Charter Review Committee; implemented the BS&A Business License Software and implemented new software to create electronic council packets. All while making service to the residents her priority.

Her list of accomplishments and improvements in city governance includes service to the public in every service her office provides.

Craig-Bragg consolidated city voting precincts from 18 to 12; implemented EPB, including dual EPB; overhauled election inspector training, created a comprehensive handbook; implemented Public Service Announcements to educate voters; oversees mock election demonstrations for middle and elementary school students; created a newsletter with voter information and updates and frequently visits with senior citizens to assist with the absentee voting process.

In addition, Craig-Bragg also established a Cemetery Board of Trustees, Cemetery Ordinance, and Cemetery Rules & Regulations pamphlet. She implemented the Pontem Software to manage cemetery records and online burial searches.

Craig-Bragg worked with "Wreaths Across America" which provided wreaths to place on the graves of veterans in the Romulus cemetery, and helped generate $1500 for a disabled veteran and his family. She also assisted the Cemetery Board of Trustees with fundraising to purchase trees and three Victorian gates for the cemetery.

Craig-Bragg's accomplishments are enhanced by her drive to always make it a priority to be involved in local and community activities and affiliate with local, county, and state organizations that address community improvement and social causes.

She volunteers on the Romulus Drug Task Force, Dr. Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council, Pumpkin Festival Committee, and she is the director of music for the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Craig-Bragg is a member of the Association of Wayne County Clerks, Wayne County Executive Urban Alliance of Michigan Task Force, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Black Caucus, MAMC, IIMC, and Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries. She holds her MiPMC and CMC credentials and said she believes "There is and always will be room for improvement."

Craig-Bragg and her husband, Stanley, have been married for 34 years. She is the mother of three, and grandmother of four.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 2, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb
Absent / Excused: Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kathy Hood - Deputy DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #21-211** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, July 26, 2021, @ 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner**
   A. **Res. #21-212** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the block party petition by Toccara Davis for August 14th and road closure request at 16284 Eastwind St., Romulus, MI. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #21-213** Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #07B770081 to purchase one (1) 2022 Ford 250 Medium Roof Transit Van with options for the price of $38,396.00 from Gorno Ford for the Department of Public Works Water/Sewer division. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-214** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on MiDeal Contract #07B770084 to purchase one (1) 2021 GMC one-ton dump truck with a plow for the price of $53,013.00 from Todd Wenzel GMC. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   C. **Res. #21-215** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-2 to transfer funds to pay for the expenditures associated with the installation of brick pavers in the cemetery around the Veteran's Memorial Monument. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #21-216** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading & Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-3 in the amount of $4,376.00 to recognize the funds being received from the Companion Animal Welfare Fund Grant and the associated expenditures. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-217** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the recommendation of the Cemetery Board of Trustees and approve the proposed changes to the cemetery rules and regulations. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes
8. **Public Comment -** None
9. **Unfinished Business** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes
10. **New Business**
11. **Communication** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 2, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem, John Barden

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #21-218** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Abstain - Williams **Motion Carried**
   B. **Res. #21-219** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the special meeting study session held on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss cemetery rules and regulations. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Abstain - Williams **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. #21-220 Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Joseph Crova. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #21-221** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the First Baptist Church to use the Elmer Johnson's Park Pavilion on August 14, 2021, for their Annual Family and Fun Day. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-222** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the lease-purchase agreement with Comerica Leasing for the lease-purchase of a Dump Body to be installed on a 2021 Freightliner 108SSD Dump Chassis in the amount of $94,605.00 at a fixed rate of 2.18% for five (5) years with the first payment to be made on or about January 15, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   C. **Res. #21-223** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-4 to purchase a security gate at the employee-only lot for the new 34th District Court building. The gate must be electronic and accessible through a card reader.

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT	CURRENT FUND	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
ACCOUNT NO.	NAME	BALANCE		
401 Court Construction Fund				
Fund Balance				
401-000.000.390	Court Construction Fund	$1,471,335.00	$ 16,000.00	$ 1,455,335.00
Expense				
401-000.980.00	Court Project Costs	-	$16,000.00	$16,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

   D. **Res. #21-224** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 21/22-5 for supplies for the incoming council that was included in the footnote section of the budget, but not carried over to the actual line item as intended.

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT	CURRENT FUND	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
ACCOUNT NO.	NAME	BALANCE		
101 City Council				
Fund Balance				
101-000-390.000	Fund Balance	$6,672,633.00	$ 7,600.00	$ 6,665,033.00
Expense				
401-000.980.00	Operating Supplies	$800.00	$7,600.00	$8,400.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #21-225** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 21/22-2 in the amount of the $5,000.00 to transfer funds to pay for the expenditures associated with the installation of brick pavers in the cemetery around the Veteran's Memorial Monument. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-226** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee to designate for sale and let out for bid the described property: Parcel ID #80-039-99-0001-706 and Parcel ID #80-040-99-0002-713. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Abdo, Williams **Motion Carried**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes
11. **Warrant**
    A. **Res. #21-227** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-15 Checks presented in the amount of $1,140,347.16. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Communication** - Please see Clerk's Office for complete copy of the minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 9, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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'Go'ing green

Westland joins electric vehicle program

The City of Westland is looking toward a greener future.

While Westland has already begun promoting the shift to greener transportation, having approved the installation of four electric vehicle charging stations on city-owned property in April, officials have now agreed to work with AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C to launch an innovative program designed to give the city the means to purchase electric vehicles (EVs) and charging stations.

AAW raises funds through "hybrid" advertising-sponsorship arrangements with businesses, organizations and individuals, and applies those funds to energy-efficient projects that save money for cities. In turn, AAW promotes the advertisers-sponsors, encouraging customer traffic and sales.

AAW representatives also encourage advertisers-sponsors to take advantage of complimentary energy assessments from DTE Energy to help businesses reduce their energy costs and save money. The Royal Oak-based AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C calls its project the EV-Mobility and Economic Stimulus program.

President Joe Biden recently set a new national target for the adoption of electric vehicles, calling for them to represent 40 to 50 percent of all new auto sales by 2030. In response, the Westland

proposed 2021-22 budget includes funding for the purchase of a Ford all electric F-150 Lightning for the Westland Police Department to utilize as a community police vehicle. Westland will purchase the new Lightning from Westland based, North Brothers Ford. Delivery of the new vehicle is expected to take place in early 2022.

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"We are very pleased to have one of Michigan's most respected mayors and current President of the Michigan Municipal League recognize the value of our program," commented Thomas Wither, CEO of AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C. "Mayor Wild has proven to be a tireless champion for the City's business community and in addition to helping Westland, seamlessly, transition to new electric vehicles and charging stations, we look forward to helping him support local businesses."

Westland officials approved an EV-mobility and Economic Stimulus Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOI) with AAW Infrastructure Partners, L3C. The program, which has no cost to the city, promotes the acquisition of electric vehicles by having overages paid for directly by the organization. Historically, electric vehicles are more expensive than standard models, and as part of the agreement, AAW will pay cities the difference of these more expensive vehicles as an incentive to begin updating fleets to electric options, where applicable.

"I am extremely optimistic about a more sustainable future when I see leadership from both the public and private sector working on greener transportation alternatives in conjunction with one another," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

Rotary donates $10,200 to fire victims

Members of the Westland Rotary Club lived up to the club motto, "Service Above Self" recently when they donated $10,200 toward the displaced residents of the recent fire at Westwood Apartments.

The club members made the donation through the efforts of Westland Fire Administration - Public Awareness campaign. The club allocated $200 for a specific family displaced by the blaze and $10,000 went to the GoFund me page, https://www.gofundme.com/.../displaced-westwood-village... that was established by the Westland Fire and Rescue Department to aid the victims of the blaze.

BUSting with Learning

Each year hundreds of young children disconnect in the summer, making it much harder in the fall to succeed academically. To keep students learning, Wayne-Westland Community Schools loaded up schoolbuses to bring BUSting with Learning to neighborhoods. This initiative, in the second year, provided free literacy resources to kindergarten through third-grade students in the community. "Literacy is the catalyst for all learning. This important initiative helps reinforce literacy in the next generation and bridge early literacy gaps,"said Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent John Dignan. Throughout the summer, district staff and school buses visited elementary schools in the neighborhoods. Students and families picked up books, school supplies and materials while having a little fun with games and activities. Buses also cruised through the community, distributing books to children.

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